

Appl. No. 10/720,341
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawings include changes to Fig. 1-7. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-7, replace the original sheets including Fig. 1-7.

Figures 1-7 have been amended to correct quality of the lines.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Remarks/Arguments

Objections Addressed

The Examiner objected to Claims 16 and 17 under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form. The Applicant disagrees that these claims are of improper dependent form, but in order to expedite allowance of the claims, Applicant has cancelled these claims.

Rejections Addressed

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner noted that Claim 1 recited the limitation "said bed" in line 4, but that there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation. In order to expedite allowance of the claims, Applicant has corrected Claim 1 by added the phrase "said base unit not attached to a bed" in the first limitation of Claim 1. Applicant thus submits that Claims 1-8 are in proper form.

Claims 1-15 and 18 are now pending. Claims 1-15 and 18 were rejected. Claims 1, 9, and 15 are the independent claims. Claims 1, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McJunkin (U.S. 4,925,184). Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Anmelder (DE 41 13 135 A1). Claim 1 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dranselka (U.S. 4,739,984).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the grounds of rejection. However, in order to expedite allowance of the claims, Applicant has amended independent Claims 1, 9, and 15 so that the rejections no longer apply.

Claims 1, 9, and 15, as amended, include the following limitations: said base unit not attached to a bed, said top-side unit not attached to said bed, and said first portion of said top-side unit comprising two members perpendicularly coupled to two sides of said second portion of said top-side unit. These limitations are supported, for example, in Figures 4 and 6 of the application. None of the prior art, including McJunkin, Dranselka, and, Annelder taken separately or together, teach these limitations under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 103.

Applicant submits that Claims 1, 9, and 15 are thus now allowable. As Claims 2-8, 10-14, and 18 depend, either directly or indirectly, on Claims 1, 9, or 15, Applicant submits that Claims 2-8, 10-14, and 18 are also allowable.

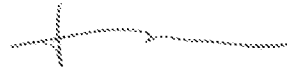
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Applicant believes the objections and rejections in the Office Action have been addressed and that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone should the Examiner believe that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application.

Please charge any shortage in the fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3266.

Respectfully submitted,

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